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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 15 May

Item 1 Watch Report

Draft by Watch Committee to be circulated for USIB approval;

Sponsor - [redacted]

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Item 2 NIE on The Fedayeen as a Factor in the Middle East

BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;

Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

This regularly scheduled estimate has been fully agreed upon at the USIB Representatives' level and BNE does not anticipate any particular problems at the Board meeting.

Item 3 Classification and Dissemination of Intelligence Information on Significant Weapons/Space Developments

GMAIC recommendations for Board consideration; Sponsor-Mr. Brandwein 25X1

In executive session at the 17 April Board meeting it was agreed during discussion of a memorandum from Mr. Hughes [redacted] that GMAIC should submit to USIB for consideration in executive session the results of its review of existing guidance on the subject.

Mr. Brandwein's memorandum reports that GMAIC has concluded that the required minimum classification of TOP SECRET for reports on significant weapons/ space developments has proven confusing for consumers and difficult to implement without achieving any substantial benefits. Accordingly, paragraph 2 of Mr. Brandwein's memorandum recommends that the USIB guidance on the subject (see tab USIB-D-9.2/3) be amended to delete the requirement stated in paragraph 1. c. thereof to apply such a minimum classification of TOP SECRET to significant weapons/ space events. GMAIC also concludes that the Board guidance on tightening dissemination controls on assessments of such events is being implemented and shows promise of improving matters.

The CIA briefing note provides further background and recommends concurrence with the GMAIC proposed change. 25X1

NOTE: During the discussion at the 17 April meeting the Board also agreed that the Security Committee should prepare a report documenting possible compromises of intelligence on Soviet missile and space activities through unauthorized press disclosures during the last year. The Committee hopes to have its report ready before the end of this month.

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Executive Secretary

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